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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.105**

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. The information is required to extend the domain of search for prior art. Limited amounts of art related to the claimed subject matter are available within the Office, and are generally found in class 382 and subclasses 162-167, which describe color image processing. A broader range of art to search is necessary to establish the level of knowledge of those of ordinary skill in the claimed subject matter art of the “gamut expanded sRGB color values” (viz. “XsRGB” or “sRGB64”).
3. The information is required to document the level of skill and knowledge in the art pertaining to the expanded sRGB color space. Specifically, the information should address the following issues:
  - a. When was the sRGB64 color space or the concept of an expanded sRGB color space first developed or created? Was the sRGB64 color space or the concept of an expanded sRGB color space described at a conference, published, or otherwise publicly known before 27 August 1999?
  - b. Who created the sRGB64 color space or the concept of an expanded sRGB color space? If an organization developed it, what individuals were involved in its development?

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c. Other than the first working draft of IEC 61966-2-2 (dated 22 July 1998), is the Applicant aware of or in possession of any documents, letters, internal memos, draft specifications, or the like that were created and privately circulated before 27 August 1999, and that describe the sRGB64 color space or an expanded sRGB color space?

4. In response to this requirement, please provide copies of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of sRGB64 or an expanded sRGB color space.

5. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each publication that any of the applicants relied upon to develop the disclosed subject matter that describes the applicant's invention, particularly as to developing sRGB64 or an expanded sRGB color space. For each publication, please provide a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that publication in the development of the disclosed subject matter.

6. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each publication that any of the applicants relied upon to draft the claimed subject matter. For each publication, please provide a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that publication in distinguishing the claimed subject matter from the prior art.

7. In response to this requirement, please state whether any search of prior art was performed. If a search was performed, please state the citation for each prior art collection

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searched. If any art retrieved from the search was considered material to demonstrating the knowledge of a person having ordinary skill in the art to the disclosed sRGB64 and/or an expanded sRGB color space, please provide the citation for each piece of art considered and a copy of the art.

8. In response to this requirement, please provide a list of citations to electronically searchable databases or other indexed collections containing publications that document the knowledge within the disclosed art of the sRGB64 color space or any expanded sRGB color spaces.

9. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.

10. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope

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of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

11. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

12. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of **two** months. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Colin M. LaRose whose telephone number is (703) 306-3489. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 5:30. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached on (703) 308-6604. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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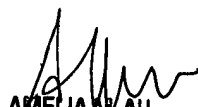
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